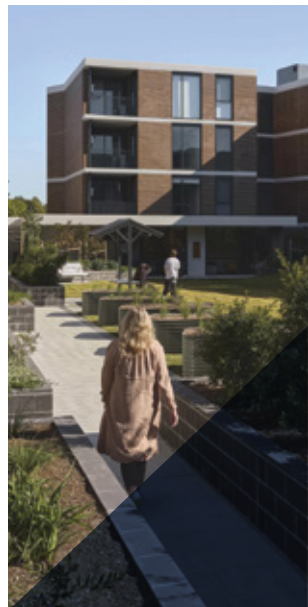




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"I didn't know what to do, but Anglicare helped me walk through the process. The day I heard I'd found a private rental accommodation, I cried."

"I'm so grateful to my case worker, Maryanne, for supporting me through the whole process. I don't know what I would have done without her."

Iris and her caseworker Maryanne from member Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT



"We need to get back to basics. We need to build more public housing, we need to support Community Housing Providers who are like-minded and values aligned to deliver more housing."

CEO of Homes NSW Rebecca Pinkstone at The James Martin Institute event on Affordable Housing



"I advocate for many causes, but to me, we need more social housing. That's the stability that vulnerable people need. It connects to other aspects in life - finding a job, getting children to school - an address isn't just shelter, it's stability."

Sister Carmel Hanson RSJ of member the Catholic Diocese of Maitland Newcastle on receiving the award for Newcastle Woman of the Year

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Acknowledgement of Country

Faith Housing Australia is honoured to work on the ancestral lands of the Darug people and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge the land is, was and always will be Aboriginal land and respectfully support the continuation of the cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We recognise the Darug People as the Custodians of the land, seas and waterways and celebrate their history, stories and enduring culture.

Faith in Times of Crisis

We often hear about how faith is under attack in an era of materialism, scientism and post-modernism. But rather than view the world through the lens of faith in crisis we can confront a real crisis – in housing – from a perspective of faith.



Everyone deserves a safe, secure, and affordable home. Access to housing is fundamental to our social contract. Without it, we risk losing our egalitarian values and economic opportunities.

Communities are increasingly dissatisfied with the widening gap between those who can afford quality homes and those who cannot. Housing inequality threatens our democratic institutions, leading to resentment and disorder.

The National Housing Accord aims to build 1.2 million new homes by 2029, with NSW signing up for 377,000 additional homes, including 31,000 social or affordable rental dwellings.

The scale of the housing task means we need to look beyond greenfields, greyfields and brownfields to consider affordable housing on land previously reserved for infrastructural or institutional purposes, like railyards, schoolyards and churchyards. We need to look for opportunities to mix affordable housing with other land uses. In the case of places of worship, co-located social or affordable housing can provide faith communities with practical opportunities to live out our faith by providing people in need with safe, supportive places to stay and grow.

Faith communities are stepping up, not just feeling the burden of housing justice but actively addressing it. Unlike many housing developers, faith-based organisations remain committed to their communities over the long term, providing ongoing essential social services alongside new homes as they are built.

The housing crisis provides a powerful platform for faith groups to inspire, encourage and serve Australian society. By using our resources and our talents to meet the basic human need for safe and healthy homes we can live out our faith in practical ways.

Faith Housing Australia exists to co-ordinate and support the ambitions of the faith sector to meet housing need, and to advocate for the regulatory settings that will incubate and activate the unique assets and skills of our members.

Across the country, and internationally, there is a re-awakening of the role of faith groups in providing housing in the right areas – which often happens to be in the very areas that ageing and underused property assets are located. Working with members and governments, the Board has developed a new strategy to help tackle our nation's housing crisis.

This report captures the collaborative energy of our members, who are making a real impact on increasing housing supply for people in need. As their peak body, we amplify their effectiveness.

I am immensely grateful for the faithful service of our directors, including new members The Hon. Graham West, Maha Abdo, and Simon Furness. I also express profound gratitude to retiring board members Lisa Ellis, Mark Nutting, and former Chair Rob Burnelek. The collective experience and wisdom of the Board, together with their shared attitude of service and humility, has been incredibly inspiring. This year has been a year of change, growth and ambition. It is exciting to be a part of the journey as we support the faith housing sector in our critical role of supporting those in need.

Professor The Hon Rob Stokes
Chair



Building Hope and Inspiring Change: A Year of Action

Reflecting on the past year, Faith Housing Australia stands at the forefront of a transformative movement. Our commitment to creating meaningful change has never been stronger, and our collective efforts are yielding significant results. We are not just building houses; we are building hope, community, and a future where everyone has a place to call home.



Faith housing sector on the rise

The faith housing sector is making significant strides, delivering key projects and leveraging new funding streams to boost housing supply. Membership has surged by 114%, with members ready to meet national housing targets. Our role as an incubator is pivotal, celebrating members who have increased their capability and supporting new entrants.

We are strengthening ties with major faith groups, some of the largest landholders outside the government, to align their assets with their mission. This includes a strong focus on providing social and affordable housing.

The expertise of our ordinary organisational members enhances our advocacy efforts and bolsters the capacity of our Community Housing Provider members to navigate complex housing projects – our membership is truly dynamic! Reflecting this growth, we have rebranded to Faith Housing Australia, better representing our members' work nationwide and supporting our federal advocacy.

Influencing reforms

This year, our advocacy has evolved from raising awareness to actively shaping the implementation of funding and programs to address the housing crisis. Round 1 of the Albanese Government's \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund (HAFF) is set to deliver 13,700 new homes. We have been deeply engaged with Housing Australia, contributing to the Investment Mandate and program rollout. Faith-based organisations and communities are now recognised as key stakeholders.

In New South Wales, our collective advocacy with Minister Rose Jackson resulted in a \$6.6 billion investment in social housing and homelessness services. The newly formed Homes NSW, led by CEO Rebecca Pinkstone, is driving significant change. Our input is instrumental in shaping the state's new strategy to create an effective multi-provider system, develop pathways for innovative projects to receive funding, and provide holistic support to maintain tenancies.

We are also influencing planning reforms to permit housing on land zoned 'Place of Public Worship' and collaborating at the local level with councils and action groups to deliver incentives for developing faith-owned land for affordable housing.

Image: (Right) Dan Dwyer, CEO of Fresh Hope Communities, Rose Thomson and Rob Stokes take an early look at Nightingale Marrickville.

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Building momentum for change

Faith Housing Australia is gaining momentum and is well-positioned to support our members in achieving significant growth as we implement our new strategy. Our focus remains on deepening advocacy, enhancing member capacity, and forging partnerships to increase housing for those most in need.

Looking ahead, the next stage of our capacity-building pilot program, the implementation of communities of practice, and increased federal advocacy are crucial initiatives.

The successes of the past year, marked by our expanded growth and influence, would not have been possible without the extraordinary commitment of our Board Chair, Rob Stokes, and the support of our strengthened Board. I am immensely grateful for their leadership.

At its core, Faith Housing Australia's collective work builds on the principle that safe and secure housing is the foundation for individual dignity and community thriving. We look forward to welcoming more people, communities, organisations, and partners on this journey.


Rose Thomson
Chief Executive Officer




Our Strategic Framework 2021-2024

Our vision
Faith in action - homes for all


Our values
Committed to a lived expression of our shared values:




Social Justice
Pursuing what is fair, equitable and inclusive, and considering the rights and aspirations of others.



Compassion
Responding with grace, kindness, and concern, to serve and help others.



Respect
Believing in the richness of diversity and the right of the individual to be heard and treated with dignity.



Integrity
Being honest, transparent, reliable and accountable within our membership and broader collaborations.

Strategic pillars
Three strategic pillars have driven our focus from 2021 to 2024.



Membership Community

We work with our Members to build capacity and a shared understanding of solutions which can help solve community housing needs.



Transformative Advocacy

Through transformative advocacy we engage stakeholders to demonstrate how the approach of the faith sector plays a valuable role in the supply of community housing and services that strengthen individuals, families and communities.



Powerful Partnerships

We work collaboratively across sectors to build partnerships that will increase and improve housing supply.

Looking Ahead 2025-2029

Led by the Board and developed with member input, Faith Housing Australia’s new five-year strategy will come into effect from January 2025. This plan will focus on three key strategic priorities:

CHAMPIONING HOUSING JUSTICE

Strategic Goal

Amplify our strong, consistent voice advocating for homes for all

Lead Strategies

1. Advocate for a holistic human rights framework for housing.

2. Demonstrate the value of the faith housing sector to meet housing needs across the continuum.

3. Influence policy direction to deliver a thriving housing system and conditions for sector growth.

4. Promote diversity and inclusion, prioritising marginalised and vulnerable populations and addressing systemic inequities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

CONNECTING FOR IMPACT

Strategic Goal

Harness the unified power of a diverse membership to build capacity and leverage collective wisdom and resources

Lead Strategies

1. Grow a high-quality faith housing sector through knowledge exchange, innovation and best practice.

2. Commission research and develop models from practitioner-based evidence to improve service effectiveness.

3. Convene opportunities for dynamic member partnerships and consortia to sharpen capability and outcomes.

4. Engage faith communities and provide expertise to revitalise underutilised land and assets for community benefit, including housing and services to support residents

CATALYSING CHANGE

Strategic Goal

Advance collaborations to deliver housing at scale and solutions to break cycles of homelessness and poverty

Lead Strategies

1. Attract and mobilise resources from diverse sources, including governments and agencies, philanthropic funders and private sector partners.

2. Initiate and coordinate projects and pilot programs that remove barriers to housing delivery and demonstrate replicability.

3. Build effective coalitions to shape a more collaborative, informed and sustainable housing sector.

4. Establish evaluation frameworks to track progress and ensure accountability, raising the reputation of the faith housing sector.

Our Membership Community



For privacy reasons, Individual Members have not been listed.

Our members provide homes for

62,700

people across the housing continuum, including

26,900

tenants in community and specialist housing

12,400

seniors in retirement living

23,400

people in aged care

In nearly

50,000

dwellings across urban, suburban and regional Australia

They also support

83,800

clients through specialist homelessness services

Through the work of

57,000

staff across a diverse range of community services and

40,000

volunteers making a real difference

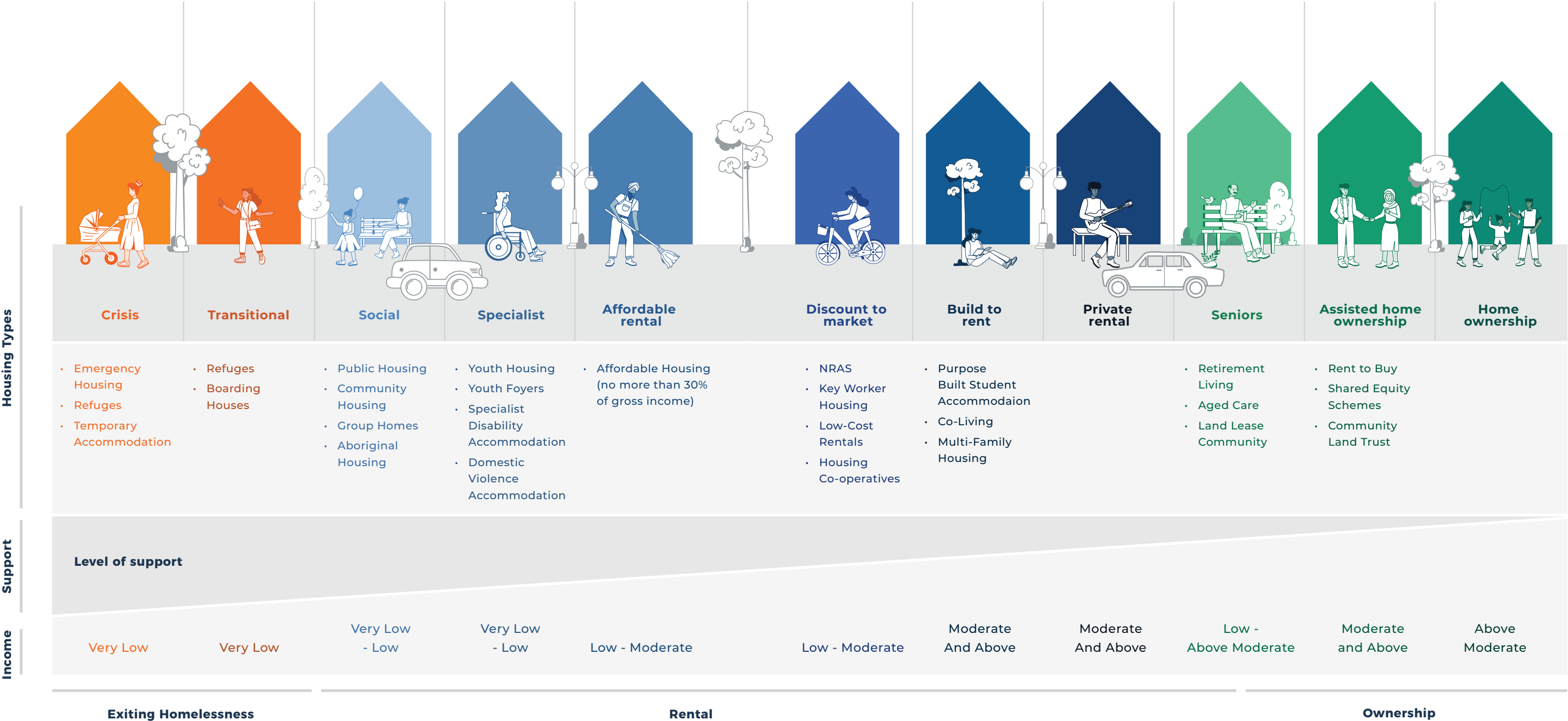
The FHA Housing Continuum

The housing continuum ranges from homelessness to home ownership, distinguished by varying degrees of security of tenure and assistance at each stage.

A well-functioning housing continuum would be in balance, and necessary interventions would ensure appropriate homes and supports at all points to meet the community’s needs.

Faith Housing Australia’s members are meeting housing needs across this continuum, partnering with all levels of government, private financiers, and property developers to deliver much-needed homes.

Faith-based organisations are leaders in specialist homelessness services, disability supports, out-of-home care (foster care), support at home (home care), aged care, and retirement living. They also provide emergency relief and informal support to prevent homelessness, with a local presence in communities across Australia.



2023-24 Project Highlights

Faith Housing Australia members are dedicated to increasing housing supply through collaboration with diverse partners. By delivering practical, place-based initiatives, they are transforming communities. Their impressive efforts are providing hope and stability to countless individuals and families in need. Here are just a few of the housing projects delivered this financial year.



- 1. Gimbawali Place Carlingford by BaptistCare**
162 new social and affordable homes.

2. Nightingale Marrickville by Fresh Hope Communities
54 affordable teilhaus apartments. See page 18 for more.

3. Lasa Street Co-operative Housing by Stanton Dahl Architects
13 new homes for seniors. See page 28 for more.

- 4. Mawaddah Village by Muslim Women Australia**
6 intergenerational homes and 6 one bedroom units. See page 44 for more.

5. Ingle Farm by Salvation Army Housing
6 new homes for families. See page 40 for more.

6. Tea Tree Tahmoor by Good Housing
5 new specialist disability accommodation villas.

- 7. Townsville Youth Foyer by Mission Australia**
40 self-contained units for young people.

8. McRae-McMahon Place by Uniting NSW.ACT
65 homes for seniors including 12 social housing apartments.

9. Emmaus Village Port Macquarie by St Agnes Care & Lifestyle
12 houses are homes for 94 residents with dementia. See page 47 for more.

- 10. Beacon Hill by Sydney Anglican Property**
3 specialist disability accommodation units for 8 young people with disability. See page 22 for more.

11. Midtown Macquarie Park by Mission Australia
389 new social and affordable homes. See page 36 for more.

12. Port Kembla by Anglicare Sydney
35 social homes for seniors. See page 47 for more.

Housing Project Pipeline

Faith Housing Australia members have an impressive pipeline of housing projects at various stages of development, all aimed at addressing the housing crisis. These projects encompass estate renewals, new affordable housing developments, and innovative initiatives tailored for specific cohorts. Here are just a few of their upcoming projects.



1. Gunyah Masterplan Dubbo by Marra + Yeh Architects

See page 48 for more.

2. Northsea Wollongong by Traders in Purple

Pioneering mixed-tenure development with 38 market, 18 social and 9 affordable homes.

3. Pendle Hill by Fresh Hope Communities

Intergenerational community providing seniors living, aged care, affordable housing and services. Plans and community engagement with support from member 9Springs.

4. Youth Foyer Wyong by Catholic Care Diocese of Broken Bay

57 homes for young people with support. See page 48 for more.

5. Raymond Terrace by Hume Community Housing

13 new social and affordable homes. Design by member Stanton Dahl Architects.

6. Toowoomba by Salvation Army Housing

23 social and affordable homes. Design by member DC8 Studio.

7. Harbourside Drummoyne by Scalabrini

54 homes for seniors and 2 specialist aged care units. To be delivered with support from member Impact Group.

8. Charlestown by Uniting NSW.ACT

Creating a vibrant residential community on the former TAFE site.

9. Canvas Bonnyrigg by Traders in Purple

Estate redevelopment including 275 market homes and 65 social homes. To be delivered with support from member Impact Group.

10. Carlingford for Seniors by BaptistCare

130 homes for seniors and 96 aged care homes.

11. Jacaranda and Jasmine Sutherland Shire by Good Housing

5 one-bedroom specialist disability accommodation villas and 2 shared resident villas.



Nightingale Marrickville: Hard Won Affordable Housing Receives Local and Global Acclaim

In Sydney’s Inner West, Marrickville stands at the epicentre of the housing crisis, with rents skyrocketing by 25% in just a year. Amidst this turmoil, Fresh Hope Communities and Nightingale Housing, supported by churches of Christ in NSW & ACT, embarked on a mission to create affordable housing. Despite facing significant opposition and bureaucratic hurdles, their determination and strong partnership led to the creation of multi-award-winning homes that set a new standard for the community.

The unexpected partnership

The collaboration began through an introduction from Faith Housing Australia. Dan Dwyer, CEO of Fresh Hope Communities, recalls, “In 2018, we were recommended to visit Nightingale Housing. Despite our initial reluctance, the meeting happened, and we were impressed by their triple-bottom-line model and community integration initiatives.”

Choosing Marrickville

Fresh Hope Communities, with a legacy of providing care and accommodation since 1930s, saw the potential in Marrickville. The suburb was chosen due to the closure of a disused church building and its proximity to public transport. Nightingale Housing, known for its acclaimed projects in Victoria, had been locked out of NSW due to “really significant property prices”, noted their CEO, Dan McKenna. Through a ground lease from churches of Christ in NSW & ACT, the project was made feasible.

Overcoming challenges

Despite the Inner West Council's draft housing policy specifically stating that it would like to see Nightingale-style developments in the area, the initial development application was rejected in 2019. The Council placed an interim heritage order on the derelict church building, and the project faced ballooning legal fees and construction costs. With persistence, by December 2020, the NSW Land and Environment Court overturned the rejection.

In a remarkable turnaround, the Inner West Council waived the development fee, recognising the significant public benefit of this high-quality project. In return, Fresh Hope Communities contributed additional works to improve the streetscape and rear laneway.

Project details

54

new Teilhaus
apartments

50%

of homes dedicated
to priority groups

Winner of multiple awards
including 2024 Urban Land Institute
Global Award for Excellence and
The Premier’s Prize at the 2024
NSW Architecture Awards



“We wanted to reimagine affordable housing, creating a sustainable built form that residents could be proud of. We hope this project breaks down barriers for other organisations.”

Dan Dwyer - CEO, Fresh Hope Communities



A new beginning

In April 2024, six years after the partnership began, the finished building of 54 new Teilhaus apartments was unveiled. The development was funded by Fresh Hope Communities in its entirety, without any external funding. Dan Dwyer expressed, “We wanted to reimagine affordable housing, creating a sustainable built form that residents could be proud of. We hope this project breaks down barriers for other organisations.”

Dan McKenna, CEO of Nightingale Housing, praised the collaboration, highlighting the shared vision of providing quality housing to the community.

Chloe Smith, Deputy Mayor of Inner West Council, acknowledged the journey’s challenges and emphasised the determination to learn and support similar projects in the future.

A call to action

Dan Dwyer urges decision-makers to “expedite the process, remove barriers, sever the red tape, change policy, and provide more funding. The community’s well-being and the future of affordable housing in Sydney and the nation depend on you.”

Images: Nightingale Marrickville opening event (L-R) Nightingale CEO Dan McKenna, Inner West Deputy Mayor Chloe Smith, Fresh Hope Communities CEO Dan Dwyer, NSW Minister for Housing and Homelessness Rose Jackson and NSW Planning Minister Paul Scully.



A new home for Luke and Kubo

Luke, a hairdresser in Newtown, and his Shiba, Kubo, found a new home at Nightingale Marrickville. Facing eviction, Luke was desperate to find a place that would allow him to keep Kubo.

“I was lucky enough to get one of these apartments. Living here, I get my own space and can build towards my future without living paycheck to paycheck,” says Luke.

Advocacy: Unlocking Faith-owned Land

Faith-based organisations are keen to play a significant role in providing new, well-located homes to help solve the current housing crisis across New South Wales. Yet, they are hampered by zoning constraints that prevent the use of many sites for integrated faith and housing developments, particularly for the delivery of social and affordable housing.

Rezoning places of worship to allow housing

FHA is engaged in direct advocacy to the NSW Planning Minister, Paul Scully, to expand permissible uses on land zoned SP2 ‘Place of Public Worship’ to unlock housing potential. We recommend both short-term amendments to the Housing SEPP and long-term changes to the standard instrument to accelerate housing delivery. The Minister and the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure have committed to a resolution in the near term.

Inner West Council collaborates with FHA members

At Mayor Darcy Byrne’s invitation and following the hard-won success of Fresh Hope Communities’ Nightingale Marrickville affordable housing development, FHA members met with Inner West’s Strategic Planning Team to discuss incentives for delivering social and affordable housing on faith-owned land. Members proposed options such as reducing or waiving fees, adjusting planning controls to allow housing on faith-owned land, and offering flexible parking requirements. They also suggested increased collaboration with Council through a concierge service and flexibility in applying development controls.

YIGBY Movement says ‘Yes in God’s Backyard’

Internationally, the growing YIGBY movement mobilises religious institutions to use their land for affordable housing, addressing shortages and supporting vulnerable populations. Key developments include California’s Senate Bill 4, signed in October 2023, allowing faith properties to bypass zoning restrictions, and the U.S. YIGBY Act introduced in March 2024, which provides technical assistance, reduces local barriers to housing development, and promotes community development.

YIFBY (Yes in Faith’s Backyard) in Queensland, including FHA members and allies, is lobbying the state government to amend planning laws, enabling faith-based organisations to build affordable housing on vacant land.



Images: (Top to bottom) FHA delegation meets with NSW Planning Minister Paul Scully, FHA members attend roundtable with Inner West Council and Senator Scott Wiener, champion of the ‘Yes in God’s Backyard’ senate bill.

Transforming Communities: Sydney Anglican Property's Mission-Driven Renewal



For the past year, a quiet revolution has been transforming the land and buildings of Sydney Anglican churches.

“Due to the nature of our Anglican system, we are not only present in virtually every community but we are also blessed to be on some of the best, most strategically located properties in those communities,” says Ross Jones, CEO of the newly created Sydney Anglican Property organisation.

Formed in late 2023, Sydney Anglican Property brings together the Anglican Church Growth Corporation, St Andrew’s House Corporation, New Churches for New Communities, and the Sydney Diocese Property Trust. Their mission? To help parishes make the best use of their locations, whether in new areas (greenfields) or established urban centres (brownfields).

“We want to put our property on mission by delivering high-quality projects that provide important facilities for ministry as well as much-needed community infrastructure – such as affordable housing, disability services, and childcare,” Ross Jones explains.

The need is urgent. “If we continue to operate as we have in the past in a rapidly changing city, then we risk being poor stewards of the wonderful inheritance we have received from previous generations,” Ross Jones warns.

The statistics are already impressive. Eighteen agreements have been signed between parishes and Sydney Anglican Property across the Diocese. Four development applications have been approved, and three more are awaiting approval.

The developments underway include new ministry facilities and staff housing, early learning centres, and new social and affordable housing in response to the housing crisis. The first housing project delivered was three specialist disability accommodation houses at Beacon Hill.

The fields are green

For many years, the Mission Property Committee identified and bought land for new churches in high-growth suburbs, with churches already built in Oran Park, Leppington, and Stanhope Gardens. Plans are underway for church facilities in Marsden Park, Riverstone, Rossmore Catherine Field, and Box Hill. Sydney Anglican Property has ten ‘priority land search areas’ that are the focus of the Diocesan Greenfields Strategy.

“We have the opportunity to create thriving gospel communities that are already up and running before people move into their new homes in the rapidly expanding areas of our Diocese,” Ross Jones says. “We have also been able to connect incoming neighbours with each other, irrespective of their interest in Christianity, as they move into these new communities to mitigate against potential isolation and loneliness.”

Images: (Top) Beacon Hill specialist disability accommodation homes were opened by Archbishop Kanishka Raffel, Rev Dave Lanham and Lynn Azzopardi.

(Bottom) Hope Anglican Church at Leppington is a growing church at the heart of a growing community.

Renewing the “Brownfields”

Greenfields represent only a part of Sydney Anglican Property’s plans for the future. Significant – and expensive – land is underutilised in a number of established areas. Good development can enhance existing facilities and create community renewal.

One example is a development for Christ Church Inner West at its Five Dock property. The parish wants to redevelop the church site adjacent to the new Metro station at Five Dock, with plans including upgraded ministry facilities, new housing (including affordable housing), retail and commercial facilities, a childcare centre, and an outdoor piazza for community events. Plans have now gone to an independent panel for determination.

Another area for church partnership is the Federal Government’s \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund. Sydney Anglican Property, in partnership with Sustainable Development Group and Anglicare Sydney, has lodged bids for 11 projects that could deliver about 1,000 new social and affordable rental homes alongside 8,500 square metres of upgraded ministry space.





Images: (Top) CEO of Sydney Anglican Property, Ross Jones with Faith Housing Australia CEO, Rose Thomson and CEO of Sustainable Development Group, Richard Ollerhead at the opening of Beacon Hill.

(Bottom) Excited congregation members gather to celebrate the opening of Beacon Hill, building homes for people with disability on a disused church site.

A new chapter for Brianna

The opening of three homes at Beacon Hill, built in the Frenchs Forest Anglican Parish, has been life-changing for Brianna Azzopardi, who has cerebral palsy. “This beautiful thing has happened, and she is so excited. It’s the next chapter in her life – and also a little bit for me as well,” says her mother, Lynn Azzopardi.

The new homes were built with the assistance of Sydney Anglican Property after the Frenchs Forest Parish identified a church building at Beacon Hill as no longer suitable for modern church.

Rector, Rev Dave Lanham explains that the congregation that used to meet at Beacon Hill had declined to a point where it was not sustainable. “We were left with a decision: how can we do good with this location, continuing to honour God and also serve the community?”

The project has been described as a win-win by all involved. “How will this help our church into the future? It helps by opening our eyes to the community around us - so it’s not a disconnected activity. This will be home to people in need of specialist accommodation, and we can continue to build a relationship with these wonderful people,” says Dave Lanham.

Archbishop Kanishka Raffel praised the initiative, highlighting the church’s commitment to serving the community. “It’s great that we’re investing in our local communities and people’s lives in this wonderful way,” he said.

Before he led in prayer and officially opened the units, Archbishop Kanishka Raffel congratulated the parish for its foresight.

“It’s not automatic, you know, that a church will say, ‘Well, let’s do it,’” he said. “It’s a bit frightening and it’s a bit risky and we’re not sure how it’s going to work out. But here is a community of faith led by Dave and his team who said, ‘No, let’s do this for the Lord and for people, our neighbours’. How great that is.”

The Archbishop also praised the assistance given by Sydney Anglican Property and the Sustainable Development Group. “I was thrilled to hear Lynn’s excitement about her daughter taking this step to independent living,” he said. “I felt really very privileged to meet her and so glad that, as Sydney Anglicans, we’re investing in our local communities and into people’s lives in this wonderful way.”

Advocacy: Federal Engagement and Influencing Implementation

Our efforts focus on long-term legislative reform to meaningfully address the housing crisis and recognition of faith-based organisations as critical success partners in meeting housing targets.

Shaping the national housing and homelessness plan

FHA’s submission, built through member listening sessions, offers a strategic framework with actionable recommendations to enhance governance and align all levels of government and housing agencies. Key recommendations include increasing social and affordable housing supply, tailored support to maintain housing, and investing in specialist homelessness services and prevention.

With little progress on the plan, FHA co-signed an open letter to Housing Minister Julie Collins, calling for a comprehensive, ambitious, and long-term strategy. FHA also supported a private members’ bill from Senator David Pocock and Kylea Tink MP, advocating for a human rights-based approach with clear objectives and mandatory review periods.

Housing Australia future fund kicks off

FHA held an exclusive HAFF briefing for members with Housing Australia CEO Nathan Dal Bon and Head of Major Projects Lisa Marigliano. FHA’s submission to the HAFF Investment Mandate ensured not-for-profit CHPs were central to the scheme. Our advocacy led Housing Australia to identify faith-based organisations as key partners, with the potential to contribute land to help deliver 40,000 new homes over five years. FHA members responded with high-quality bids to provide thousands of new social and affordable homes.

Faith housing model presented to national leaders

Susan Lloyd-Hurwitz, Chair of the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council, and Treasury’s Christan Vallence, were impressed by the impact of faith-based CHPs and the potential to unlock well-located faith-owned land. Their invitation for Rob Stokes and Rose Thomson to present to the Council at an upcoming meeting highlights the impact of our collective efforts.



Images: (Right, Top to Bottom) Former Housing Minister Julie Collins, CEO of Jewish House Rabbi Mendel Kastel, Rose Thomson and Director of Urban Bio Steve Bushby. Robert Stark Director of HAFF Programs at Homes NSW and Head of Major Projects Lisa Marigliano. Chair of the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council, Susan Lloyd-Hurwitz at the launch of the ‘State of the Housing System 2024’ report.



Practising Ihsan: The Architectural Journey of Tarshan Ahmed



The Arabic term ‘ihsan’ embodies excellence, striving for perfection, and treating others with kindness. For Tarshan Ahmed of member Stanton Dahl Architects, it encapsulates his philosophy of delivering ethical architecture that enhances lives.

A fusion of art and science

Born to a mining professor and a sculptor, Tarshan was naturally drawn to architecture—a field that beautifully merges art and science. His early years in Austria and Hungary, surrounded by baroque and rococo architecture, ignited his passion. He undertook his professional studies in Egypt and upon graduation, Tarshan immediately moved to Dubai to immerse himself in the latest in large-scale projects with the dream of contributing to the city’s iconic skyline emerging from the extreme desert conditions. The opportunity brought exposure to new methods and ideas, and his early work achieved recognition.

A global journey for a greater cause

However, with his eldest son’s diagnosis of autism, Tarshan began researching where his son might experience “an equal life to anyone else”. Australia emerged as one of the best opportunities globally, and the family made the move to Sydney, making connections with supports and schooling.

Tarshan continued his work shaping large-scale projects in Australia, including a Gold Coast skyscraper and significant developments in Sydney. Across all his projects, he feels a weight of opportunity to affect change in people’s daily experience and living conditions.

“We are living in a built environment. Being an architect carries a great responsibility because of the impact it has on people’s lives”, Tarshan reflects.

Architecture in the service of people

A shared value for service led to a conversation with Stanton Dahl Architects CEO, Shayne Evans.

As Senior Architect and Associate, Tarshan, alongside Principal Mahi Lau, helps drive Stanton Dahl’s vision as social impact architects, creating spaces for good that provide lasting value to the community.

Creating spaces for interaction

A hallmark of Tarshan’s work is designing spaces that foster social interaction. His projects, whether community centres, specialist disability accommodation or residential complexes, always include areas for people to connect, promoting a sense of community.

“Some people have very little needs that just need someone to listen,” says Tarshan. “Hearing the feedback from this project made me realise, this is the impact I want to have. The tiny little details make such a difference in someone’s life.”

Highlighting human elements

Tarshan’s user-centric approach ensures his designs resonate with those who use them. By prioritising feedback from end users, his projects are both functional and impactful.

A commitment to values

At the core of Tarshan’s work is a commitment to creating spaces that offer choice, encourage interaction, and empower living. His values-driven approach sets his work apart, making a lasting impact on communities.

In a world where architecture often prioritises aesthetics, his work is a refreshing reminder of the true purpose of design: to serve humanity. His philosophy of ‘ihsan’ is evident in every project, ensuring that architecture serves a higher purpose to transform and uplift people.



Images: (Page 26, Top) Homes developed for Vietnamese Seniors in Cabramatta have a striking façade using a gable formation and reference the 'Nha Lau' style common in Vietnam. (Bottom) Residents and families attending the opening celebrated in Vietnamese traditional dress.

Image: (Page 27) Tarshan brings over 20 years' experience in designing spaces for diverse sectors, fuelled by a passion for tackling complex challenges.

Project: Lasa St, co-operative seniors housing development

Homes designed for the Vietnamese community located in the culturally rich Cabramatta area of Sydney, as a flagship initiative of Common Equity NSW. The project celebrates diversity with a design inspired by the 'Nha Lau' Vietnamese style, characterised by narrow, tall buildings.

The project offers a range of housing typologies suitable for self-care living, family, and multi-generational units. These are complemented by communal spaces such as productive gardens, communal lounges, kitchens, clothes-drying areas, and shaded gathering spaces.

Pet-friendly, private, open spaces offer quiet retreats and support religious practices to foster social cohesion, engagement and empowerment.



Project: Nelson Park affordable housing

A mixed-use affordable housing situated on the fringe of Fairfield city centre, this project introduces a six-storey building comprising 28 thoughtfully designed units, including a mix of 1, 2, and 3-bedroom apartments.

The ground-floor church and community facility open to Nelson Park, featuring a spacious veranda and outdoor seating area that invites residents and visitors to gather and engage. This space acts as a lively hub for the community, encouraging social cohesion and contributing to the vibrancy of the neighbourhood.

Advocacy: Collaborations and Local Actions Driving Change

FHA is tackling housing challenges across NSW by teaming up with allies, empowering local leaders, and advocating for affordable housing. Our efforts are shaping policies, securing commitments, and making a real impact at both local and state levels.

Housing Now! Alliance: bold housing solutions

FHA is part of the Housing Now! Alliance, a diverse coalition including Business NSW, Unions NSW, NSW Vice Chancellors' Committee and others, formed to amplify community voices and help the NSW Government tackle housing challenges. In 2023, Housing Now! proposed policies to boost housing growth, end NIMBY culture, and cut red tape. With most recommendations accepted, they launched ten new policies focusing on affordable housing, key worker and student housing, and they have strongly backed FHA's calls to rezone places of worship to allow housing on underutilised or disused land.



Raising up local leaders for housing

Local Councils play a crucial role in delivering housing across NSW. FHA partnered with The Sydney Alliance, Shelter NSW, and St Vincent de Paul Society NSW to empower local leaders and form action groups advocating for housing. During the local Council election period, there's a chance to secure commitments for affordable housing. Councils can create opportunities and incentives, and local action groups can influence Councillors to support these initiatives, strengthening state-level housing policies. FHA will support these groups as they host events before the September elections.



Hunter Community Alliance founding assembly housing focus

In April, FHA along with several members joined other community leaders to celebrate the founding of the Hunter Community Alliance. Voices of lived experience highlighted housing struggles, and NSW Minister Rose Jackson reaffirmed housing as a top priority, committing to a renewal project partnering with tenants. The Alliance advocated for more affordable housing and renewable energy initiatives.



Images: (Right, Top to Bottom) Housing Now! Alliance partners present the 2024 policy platform to NSW Planning Minister Paul Scully. Sheik Jalal Chami from the Australian National Imams Council speaks at the Bankstown Housing Forum. Hundreds gathered in the Great Hall of the University of Newcastle to celebrate the founding of the Hunter Community Alliance.

From Car Wash to Cozy: Embracing Infill, Adaptive and Affordable Housing

Australia needs more housing choices to suit people’s changing lifestyles and fill the gap between detached homes and high-rise apartment buildings. By delivering more variety in low and mid-rise housing, we can strike a balance between preserving the character and value of our existing neighbourhoods while catering to changing community needs.

The NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) is spearheading reforms to increase the availability of mid and low-rise housing, addressing the growing demand for diverse and affordable living options. This initiative aims to create sustainable, well-designed communities that cater to various demographics, including families, singles, and seniors.

To promote good infill housing, DPHI released the ‘Good Design for Housing’ interactive map showcasing more than 100 exemplary housing projects across New South Wales, emphasising design excellence and community impact.

Embracing low and mid-rise housing can create vibrant, inclusive communities by increasing housing diversity. This approach enables people to stay connected to their communities, close to family, essential services, and green spaces.

1. South Wentworthville Housing by CUSTANCE

Affordable seniors living consisting of one and 2-bedroom dwellings, totalling 13 senior living units for Homes NSW. Craig Shelsher and his team have incorporated sustainability and accessibility into every aspect of the design.

2. Dempsey Warehouse by Marra + Yeh Architects

A pioneering model for cooperative housing first designed by architect, activist and housing equality advocate Col James. Its latest evolution is a respectful reinterpretation that improved the building’s environmental performance.

3. Kitty Doyle Apartments by BaptistCare

Affordable housing with communal facilities and outdoor areas designed to Silver Level under the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines. The design by Jackson Teece prioritises solar access and natural cross-ventilation.

4. The Abbey Cronulla by Traders in Purple with member AJH+

A heritage-listed church adapted into homes. The Abbey has won multiple awards for its adaptive reuse of a heritage church, which has been appropriately treated as the site’s jewel.

5. Mitchell Road Terraces by Environa Studio

Terraces and townhouses on the site of a former car wash. Tone Wheeler and his team regularly take on the design challenge of transforming difficult sites into homes. Both Mitchell Road and Merindah reveal the potential of forgotten land parcels.

6. Merindah by Environa Studio

A former petrol station site is now transformed into homes and professional medical suites. It exemplifies medium-density housing that blends into the local Baulkham Hills neighbourhood of mostly free-standing dwellings.



‘I’m thankful every day that this is my home and everything has worked out. It’s such a vibrant and diverse community here. We are all different, but we can come together for BBQs or our weekly yoga classes and craft groups.’

Margaret, tenant at Kitty Doyle Apartments





Beyond a Roof: Tailored Supports Transform Lives in Vinnies Housing

Recent research by the University of New South Wales Social Policy Research Centre at UNSW highlights the significant improvements in wellbeing among tenants of St Vincent de Paul Society Housing Australia’s Social and Affordable Housing Fund sites.

“Having a roof over one’s head is just the beginning,” says Mark Weber, manager for tailored support coordination at St Vincent de Paul Society NSW. “The real transformation begins with ongoing support that helps individuals navigate their new environment and tackle challenges such as anxiety and depression.”

Security and stability

The Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF), in partnership with the NSW Government, is on track to deliver 3,486 dwellings by the end of 2024, with 30% of homes in regional NSW. Impressively, 65% of the fund’s housing is delivered by four FHA members: St Vincent de Paul Society Housing Australia (SVdPSHA), Anglicare Sydney, BaptistCare, and Uniting NSW.ACT.

The SAHF model integrates housing with tailored support coordination, addressing the specific needs of each tenant and household member. This Housing First approach aims to sustain tenancies and improve wellbeing. Housing locations are strategically chosen for their proximity to public transport and services, ensuring tenants can easily connect with their communities.

A key feature of the model is the clear distinction between tenancy workers, who handle landlord-related tasks, and tailored support coordinators, who provide personalized casework support. This separation ensures comprehensive care without housing concerns.

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW leads the tailored support coordination, starting with identifying tenants’ goals, strengths, and needs. A support plan is then created to help tenants gain the skills, confidence, and expertise needed for future planning. This can include connecting tenants to education, employment services, financial and cultural supports, and health services for severe or complex mental health issues. This holistic approach ensures tenants receive the necessary resources and support to enhance their wellbeing and sustain their tenancies, breaking the cycle of homelessness.

Images: (Left to Right) 1 - 2. SVdPSHA Katoomba SAHF homes, 3 - 4. Merrylands SAHF homes, 5 - 6 Burraneer SAHF homes.

Regular assessments ensure tenants receive appropriate and timely support, particularly benefiting those with higher needs. Researchers noted, “There were strong feelings of satisfaction with housing and the support provided, indicating that the practices of Vinnies staff are fostering feelings of safety and trust.”

Impactful stories

Mark Weber shares poignant examples of how tailored support has transformed lives. One gentleman, homeless for over 23 years, found stability through the program. Initially overwhelmed by the idea of moving into a unit, he was hesitant to leave his car. However, after being shown a unit with more privacy, he decided to give it a try. With continuous support, he gradually adjusted to his new home. “It’s remarkable to break a pattern of chronic homelessness for that long,” Mark reflects.

Overall, SVdPSHA’s tenants scored 87% to 90% satisfaction over time, with tenants valuing highly the package of housing and tailored coordinated supports offered.

Ongoing evaluations of the long-term success of the SAHF model should be conducted once the full number of homes are active. Faith Housing Australia recommends individual evaluations of the effectiveness and benefits of the tailored support coordination service, to be considered for all tenants in subsidised housing and for individuals at risk of, or who have experienced, homelessness.

“Invest in tailored support as well as housing. It ensures we can end homelessness for people, it’s proven to work. It’s a model that can be expanded almost anywhere.”

Mark Weber
Manager, Tailored Support Coordination





“We didn’t know where we were going and we had applied for so many places and got knocked back. I was just getting over chemo so I was pretty sick at the time. But Vinnies put their hands out and just picked me up. I love it here, it’s great... it’s a community, it’s everything you want in a place to live.”

Mick, SAHF tenant

Mick’s journey to stability

Mick’s life took a dramatic turn for the better when he moved into the SVdPSHA’s social housing complex in Cardiff. Previously living in Charlestown, Mick’s health deteriorated during the onset of COVID-19, forcing him to draw down on his superannuation to stay afloat. Seeking help, he turned to Matthew Talbot Homelessness Service, where he was offered temporary accommodation.

Just three weeks later, Mick and his son were offered a brand new two-bedroom apartment in Cardiff. “It was a big ‘wow’ factor when we walked in. It’s a brand new two-bedroom apartment with an open plan kitchen and living area,” Mick recalls. This move marked the beginning of a new chapter for Mick, who now enjoys a secure and supportive community environment.

The Cardiff apartments are also pet-friendly, allowing Mick to live comfortably with his dog and cat. “In this day and age, where rents are through the roof, it’s affordable housing. It’s a community, it’s everything that you want in a place to live,” says Mick.

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Research highlights

87-90%

tenant satisfaction maintained over time (2021-2024)

Over 80%

of tenants agreed that their life had improved after moving in

90%

of tenants reported feeling in control of their life

Advocacy: Historic NSW Investment and Reforms

Faith Housing Australia outlined priorities for the 2024-25 NSW Budget, recognising the Minns government’s early progress in housing reform. FHA highlighted the urgent need for social and affordable housing investment, with 57,602 households on the waiting list. Key recommendations included scaling up housing supply, expanding homelessness support, integrated planning, and unlocking faith-owned land for housing.

NSW delivers record housing investment

The NSW Government committed \$5.1 billion to build 8,400 social homes, prioritising victim-survivors of domestic violence. This includes 6,200 new homes and 2,200 rebuilt homes. An additional \$1.0 billion will repair 33,500 existing social homes. The government will release surplus land for 21,000 new homes. \$527.6 million is allocated for emergency housing and homelessness support, with \$260.0 million for crisis accommodation and \$250.0 million for homelessness services. Total investment reaches \$6.6 billion.

Budget briefing sessions held for members shared insights on key reform principles, focusing on long-term solutions and changes to head leasing and temporary accommodation.

Partnering with Homes NSW

In February, under CEO Rebecca Pinkstone, Homes NSW launched to unite housing and homelessness services, boosting efficiency and accelerating social and affordable home construction, maintenance, and repair.

FHA engaged in workshops on institutional investment, creating a multi-provider community housing system, reviewing affordable housing guidelines, and developing a framework for specialist homelessness services recommissioning. FHA advocated for a direct dealing pathway beyond government land, access to Housing Pathways for smaller CHPs, and increased procurement flexibility to unlock faith-owned land.

FHA also made submissions and appeared at hearings on rental reforms, ending no-grounds evictions, and key worker housing.

Images: (Right, Top to Bottom) Minister for Housing Rose Jackson speaks with FHA members including Director of Enviroana Studio Tone Wheeler, BaptistCare CEO Charles Moore and Shelter NSW CEO John Engeler. Homes NSW CEO Rebecca Pinkstone meets with Rose Thomson and FHA Board Members, Cheri Erai-Collins and Lisa Ellis.



“Your advocacy has made a difference, and now we must deliver. It is a big package, but there’s not a dollar to waste.”

Rose Jackson, NSW Minister for Housing and Homelessness





A Community Reborn: The Journey of Midtown Macquarie Park

MISSION AUSTRALIA

In 2015, the decision to revitalise the Ivanhoe Estate in Macquarie Park began a transformative journey. The ageing estate, characterised by outdated infrastructure and inadequate living conditions, had long been in need of redevelopment. But for Ivanhoe's nearly 800 residents, it was home and community, and the prospect of moving out and being relocated was daunting. The challenge was not just about finding new homes but also about maintaining community ties during the transition.

Despite these hurdles, the vision to replace the old estate with a vibrant, mixed-tenure community that could provide homes for 3,300 residents with equitable access to a range of updated amenities such as a town plaza, shops, cafes, playgrounds, a primary school, and childcare remained steadfast. Now, the renamed Midtown Macquarie Park is poised to become one of Sydney's most dynamic new neighbourhoods.

First stage welcomes former and new residents

In April 2024, the first stage of Midtown Macquarie Park was unveiled, delivering the first tranche of 389 new homes on the estate as a collaboration between Mission Australia, Frasers Property Australia, and Homes NSW. The opening, attended by the then Federal Minister for Housing and Homelessness Julie Collins and NSW Minister for Housing and Homelessness Rose Jackson, celebrated the completion of 259 social housing and 130 affordable housing units.

Sharon Callister, CEO of Mission Australia, shared her excitement about the project. "It's an example of how we collaborate with both government and private sector partners to pursue our vision of an Australia where all of us have a safe home and can thrive," she said. Sharon highlighted the project's broader impact, stating, "At Midtown MacPark, we aren't just delivering new housing; we're creating a cohesive and inclusive community where everyone is welcome, feels connected, and shares a sense of belonging."

Housing Australia's support to revitalise the site

The opening marked the culmination of a nine-year journey since the redevelopment plans were announced, with construction commencing in 2020. This development is part of a larger \$250 million funding agreement between Housing Australia and Homes NSW, which will ultimately deliver 1,084 new social and affordable homes. The first stage alone has seen Mission Australia acquire 130 affordable housing units through a \$67.9 million loan from Housing Australia. An additional \$42 million loan through the National Housing Infrastructure Facility will support new roads, service infrastructure, and civil works for the site.

Images: (Left, Top) Completed housing towers are the first to emerge as part of the full estate redevelopment. (Bottom) The official ribbon cutting of Midtown with Michael Wheatley from Homes NSW, CEO of Mission Australia Sharon Callister, then Housing and Homelessness Minister Julie Collins, new resident Tanya, NSW Housing and Homelessness Minister Rose Jackson, Member for Bennelong Jerome Laxale and Frasers Property CEO Cameron Legatt.

Image: (Below) Site masterplan will deliver more than 3,000 well-located homes close to Macquarie University, shops and technology jobs as part of the innovation precinct.





“In addition to the beautiful buildings, Mission Australia is really proud to be delivering incredible support services to the new residents and tenants and that includes tailored support coordination, wrap-around community services and community chaplaincy.”

*Sharon Callister
CEO, Mission Australia*

The power of partnerships

Judy Tomas, General Manager Commercial for Mission Australia Housing, emphasised the emotional impact on new residents. “We have heard stories from our Midtown operations team of tenants crying with sheer relief and joy when they see their lovely new units and receive their keys. Upon opening, we embedded our partnership with our Mission Australia Community Services colleagues to provide tenants with wrap-around support,” she said. This support is essential in ensuring that residents not only have a roof over their heads but also access to the services they need to thrive.

Scott Clohessy, Development Director at Frasers Property Australia, praised the collaborative effort behind the project. “Midtown MacPark breaks new ground in a number of ways. It’s a landmark model in the public and private sectors working together to tackle the housing crisis. It’s a mixed-tenure outcome ensuring equitable access for all to the amenities designed in the masterplan”, Scott stated. He added, “It breaks any preconceptions about what people think social housing is.”

Images: (Top) The first residential towers open on site, with additional infrastructure and development continuing. (Middle) Mission Australia team including Judy Tomas, far left. (Bottom) Midtown Community Gardening program.



Vertical Villages research in action

Adding to Mission Australia’s efforts to foster community, the local church collective, Together for Ryde, is playing a pivotal role in welcoming new residents. This network of churches is dedicated to serving the community and has been actively engaging with the new residents, offering friendship and care through weekly community events and initiatives to help tenants get to know each other.

The project aligns closely with the principles outlined in the Vertical Villages research project. This initiative, developed in partnership with Macquarie University, Together for Ryde, The Salvation Army, BaptistCare, The Lutheran Church of Australia and Faith Housing Australia explores the role of faith-based organisations in fostering community and enhancing resident wellbeing in high-density urban environments. By integrating insights from the Vertical Villages research, Midtown Macquarie Park is not only providing housing but also promotes a sense of belonging and cohesion among its residents that will ensure the site lives up to the potential that was first imagined.

“Community doesn’t just happen. It needs to be intentionally built. Through our partnership with Mission Australia, we have the opportunity to help build a great community and facilitate life-giving relationships.”

*Pastor Mark Schultz
LifeWay Lutheran Church*

Images: (Top) Residents learn how to create balcony gardens. (Middle) Midtown Eats, a fortnightly food and care program run by Together for Ryde members. (Bottom) Art Therapy brings residents together for friendship and fun.





Ending Homelessness One Home at a Time



The Salvation Army is on a mission to ensure every Australian has a stable home where they can build relationships, belong to a community, and thrive. Chris Karagiannis, CEO of Salvation Army Housing, shares their ambitious plans to expand housing support across the nation.

With a portfolio of 1,800 properties and around 3,000 tenancies, Salvation Army Housing is making significant strides. “We operate nationally in every state and territory except the Northern Territory,” Karagiannis explains. Over the past five years, they’ve merged state-based entities to form a cohesive national mission expression around housing.

Holistic housing: beyond bricks and mortar

The majority of their homes are dedicated to social housing, specifically targeting individuals and families in greatest need. By leveraging church land for numerous developments, approximately 50% of their projects are situated on Salvation Army church property. This partnership between church and social work arms addresses not only housing but also the emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being of residents. “We see it as a holistic response,” says Karagiannis. “We want our tenants to be part of a broader community, and that’s where the church can come alongside to offer friendship and be a different kind of support network for someone getting back on their feet.”



Images: (Left) Salvos Chermside Affordable Housing in Queensland, winner of the Property Council's 2024 Best Affordable Housing Development of the Year provides 26 affordable units with families in mind. The design by member DC8 studio also incorporates community spaces and supports. (Right) Salvation Army Housing Leadership Team: (L-R) Irena Baric, Cheri Erai-Collins, Chris Karagiannis, Glen Plummer, Dean Laurence and Beth Critchley.

Growth and service innovation

Exciting projects are in the pipeline. In Warrnambool, Victoria, they're building 21 townhouses behind a new worship centre. "It was actually driven by the local church and our Officers on that site," Karagiannis shared, demonstrating the strong community concern and support to steward their resources to help the local community.

"I had this vision not to sell the land to cover costs, but to build social housing and through some processes, Housing Victoria came down, had a look and saw how big the land was that we had."

"There's such a desperate need. People are sleeping in cars, at the beach, in tents and caravans. This project aims to provide the occupants a 'forever home'."

Major Sally-Anne Allchin,
Warrnambool Corps Officer



Another location in Toowoomba involves converting a former Salvation Army Op Shop site into an apartment block with a community centre. With professional support from another Faith Housing Australia member, DC8 Studio, the collaboration will deliver 23 new social homes and is the first social/affordable housing project to utilise the Queensland Government's Ministerial Infrastructure Designation process to fast-track housing supply.

Salvation Army Housing has also won significant tenders in the ACT, Queensland, and Victoria, focusing on integrating housing with support services for youth and homelessness. "State governments see the benefit of combining housing and support for young people," Karagiannis notes. "As an organisation, we understand that people often need more than just a house."



A legacy of housing justice: 141 years and counting

The Salvation Army's commitment to housing justice is unwavering. "We've been doing this for over 141 years," Karagiannis said. "We are very strong advocates for housing as a human right, and in a country as rich and plentiful as Australia, we should be doing better."

Recent research released in conjunction with the Red Shield Appeal paints a bleak picture with 1 in 3 people surveyed fearing they will lose the roof over their heads. The Salvation Army are seeing a tsunami of need across the country, with people accessing its services for the first time.

Addressing urgent housing needs: a call to action

Despite the deepening cost-of-living and housing crises, he remains optimistic. "This conversation is finally getting the attention it deserves. We're ready to partner with governments to urgently address the need for housing."

Their vision is clear: to end homelessness in Australia by providing safe, secure, and affordable housing. "We're committed to an integrated, holistic response," Karagiannis emphasises.

With a dedicated team and a clear vision, the Salvation Army is poised to make a significant impact on homelessness in Australia, one home at a time.

Images, Left: (top-bottom) 1. Major Brett Allchin on the Warrnambool housing site in Victoria. 2. The Salvation Army's striking new Worship and Community Centre at Warrnambool. 3. Design for Salvos Toowoomba housing project, converting an existing Op Shop.

Images, Right: (top-bottom) 1. Breaking ground at Toowoomba. 2. New townhouses delivered at Ingle Farm in South Australia. 3. Ingle Farm official opening ceremony with Officers and local leaders.



Mawaddah Village: A Dream Realised

Forty years ago, the seed of a dream was birthed by a small group of passionate women who would go on a bold, challenging journey to bring change in their backyard. Forty years later, Muslim Women Australia (MWA) has nurtured that dream into the triumph of Mawaddah Village.

Featuring six five-bedroom duplexes and six one-bedroom studios, the project is a sanctuary for women and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who are escaping violence or facing homelessness. It is a testament to the power of unity and strength.



Thoughtful design for diverse needs

Mawaddah Village's six intergenerational family homes and six studios are meticulously designed with separate kitchens and bathrooms to cater to the diverse needs of its residents. "We thought of everything that every person had told us was important over the years, and we put it into the design," says Hajeh Maha Abdo OAM, CEO of Muslim Women Australia. The homes are flexible, allowing for personal touches, yet many residents arrive with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

The homes cater to a variety of tenancy groups, addressing evidence-based needs for multicultural communities in the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area.

The design respects cultural practices, accommodating extended family members and ensuring families can stay together. "You don't want to leave the grandparents. That's why we've built self-contained flats in the backyards of each home, so the grandparents can live down there while the family rebuilds here," Maha says, emphasising the importance of keeping families united.

Community effort and government support

The journey to Mawaddah Village has been one of sweat and tears, driven by the unwavering belief of a community of women in each other's dreams. "They've worked so hard, putting every cent together from cake stalls and individual fundraising efforts to purchase the land. It was the women who gave whatever they could at that moment over many years," Maha reflects. Their collective effort, supported by successive state governments and various ministers, has transformed this vision into reality. Community efforts and the NSW Department of Communities and Justice's Community Housing Innovation Fund co-funded the build.



Linking Hearts: A crucial service

Linking Hearts, a service provided by MWA plays a crucial role in this initiative with casework support. It offers homelessness support to women and families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, providing safe and supported crisis and transitional accommodation. In the past year alone, Linking Hearts has supported 1,800 clients from over 55 countries, speaking more than 20 languages.

Creating a loving space

More than just a housing project, the name 'mawaddah' means love, compassion and harmony. "We wholeheartedly believe that housing is not just about the physical space but about creating a loving space with dignity that allows for the nurturing of individuals and families," Maha emphasises. This philosophy is evident in every aspect of the village, from its design to its supportive services.

Safety and community connections

Safety is a paramount concern in the design of Mawaddah Village. "For safety, we've got a very advanced security system," Maha notes. This includes practical design considerations like preventing access to potentially dangerous appliances and ensuring the environment is secure for young children.

The communal spaces foster a sense of community and reduce isolation. "This is why communal spaces are vital, providing a place for families to come together, cook, and support one another," Maha explains. These spaces help residents build connections with their neighbours, creating a supportive network essential for their recovery. The large homes also have enough private space to retreat, supporting older children and young adults with their studies.

A vision of peace

Maha poignantly states, "Because God created us all, God could have created one kind of people, one language, but how boring would that be? What is the purpose of humanity? It's to live together in peace." Mawaddah Village embodies this vision, offering a safe haven where women and children can rebuild their lives and find peace.

Images: (top-bottom) MWA CEO Maha Abdo and FHA CEO Rose Thomson. The spacious and light filled bedrooms and family areas with high quality fixtures and finishes.

Network Moments: Celebrating the Impactful Initiatives of Members

From transforming lives with affordable housing solutions to creating vibrant, sustainable communities, these stories highlight the dedication and innovation driving positive change from among our membership community.



SHARP: Transforming lives with affordable housing solutions

This year, Habitat for Humanity Australia launched the SHARP program to provide affordable, secure housing through a portfolio of leasehold properties. It aims to be a preferred landlord for vulnerable families, reducing housing stress and improving quality of life. Investors lease properties to Habitat at market rent, then donate most of the rent back, benefiting from tax deductions and capital gains tax concessions. Habitat sublets these homes at no more than 50% of market rent, addressing rental supply issues and supporting families.



The sustainable, diverse housing village coming to Dubbo

Designed by Marra + Yeh Architects, this ambitious project aims to create a vibrant community of 5,500 homes over two decades. Approved by Dubbo Regional Council, the development aligns with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and features 145 residential lots across nine stages. It includes diverse housing types, with 30% designated as social and affordable housing. Developed in consultation with the Tubba-gah people, the plan respects the land's natural contours and promotes sustainability, utilising prefabricated housing to expedite construction.

Anglicare and Yass Valley Anglican Church near housing project finish line

Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT is nearing completion of its six-unit housing project in Yass for people escaping domestic violence. Supported by the Federal Government's Safer Places funding program, Yass Valley Council, and land contributed by Yass Valley Anglican Church (St Clements), this initiative began with Reverend Ken Rampling's call to Anglicare's CEO offering their support to create a safe haven. Managed by Anglicare's housing support team, the homes will provide transitional housing for those moving from crisis refuges, including Anglicare's refuge in Goulburn.



World-leading dementia village opens in Port Macquarie

Emmaus Village Port Macquarie, a community designed for people living with dementia, opened to residents in May 2024. Developed by St Agnes' Catholic Parish and St Agnes' Care & Lifestyle, the village is home to 94 residents in a secure 1.6-hectare space. Inspired by the Hogeweyk model, it features a small-town layout with amenities like a café, wellness centre, and chapel. Delivered with support from the Building Better Regions Fund and the NSW Government, this project aims to enhance the quality of life for its residents.



Anglicare opens new social housing development in Port Kembla

In April, Anglicare Sydney officially opened its latest social housing project at the former Steelworks Hotel site in Port Kembla. The \$10 million project, funded by the Community Housing Innovation Fund and Anglicare, offers 30 studio apartments for residents aged 55 and over. The development is designed with contemporary features and community spaces, preserving the historic façade. Anglicare CEO Simon Miller said, "Older Australians, and women in particular, are at higher risk of homelessness, and projects like these are a lifeline to those in need, particularly at a time of significant cost-of-living pressure and worsening housing affordability."





Southern Cross Care awarded for regional excellence

Southern Cross Care NSW & ACT won the Regional Development category at the 2024 UDIA Awards for Excellence for transforming St Catherine’s Grafton. The project upgraded a 63-room aged care home on a flood-prone site into an 83-room community. Recognised for maintaining operations and supporting residents during construction, the project also navigated COVID restrictions to ensure health and safety. This achievement highlights the extraordinary adaptability and commitment of everyone involved in delivering high-quality care.



Plans for Foyer on Central Coast to tackle youth homelessness

CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay plans to open a 57-bed Youth Foyer in Wyong, addressing youth homelessness on the Central Coast. This initiative, part of ten new Youth Foyers by the Foyer Foundation, will support young people aged 16-24 at risk of homelessness. Wyong faces significant socio-economic challenges, with only 68% of youth completing Year 12. By providing integrated learning and accommodation, CatholicCare aims to help young people complete their education and start successful careers, fostering a brighter future for the community.



Scalabrini transforms lives with affordable housing for seniors

Cabrini Apartments in Bexley has undergone a \$1.9 million refurbishment to provide 33 affordable rental homes for seniors. This project by Scalabrini offers renovated units for singles and couples over 67 at \$185 per week, including utilities. CEO Richard de Haast highlighted the life-changing impact, with residents finding stability and community. Encouraged by this success, Scalabrini is registering as a Community Housing Provider to expand affordable housing for older people in Sydney, transforming lives and fostering community.

Meet the Board

Professor The Hon Rob Stokes
Board Chair
LLM MSc PhD (Environmental & Planning Law)



Dr Rob Stokes is an urbanist and recognised thought leader on sustainable urban development. He served as Australia’s first-ever minister for Active Transport with the NSW Government, and also served as minister for Planning, Public Spaces, Cities, Infrastructure, Transport, Education, Environment and Heritage in a political career spanning more than 15 years.

Rob is Industry Professor for Environment and Sustainability at Macquarie University. He is a regular columnist on cities and planning and has written over 20 articles in referred books and journals. A qualified lawyer, Rob has read sustainable urban development at Oxford and completed a PhD in planning law under a Commonwealth Scholarship.

He was announced as a member of the Albanese Government’s Urban Policy Forum in May 2023 and confirmed as Chair of Faith Housing Australia in July 2023.

Hajeh Maha Krayem Abdo OAM
B Social Work, M Soc Sc (Youth Services), Grad Dip Family Dispute Resolution

Maha is a passionate advocate for social justice and serves as the CEO of Muslim Women Australia (MWA), a representative body for Muslim women working to enrich humanity, advocating for equality and the rights of all women.



Maha represents and gives voice to Muslim women abroad as well as in Australia. She advises government on policy, services and strategies. In 2016 Maha was the NSW Seniors Week Ambassador as well as the BreastScreen NSW Ambassador. In 2015, Maha was a finalist for the Australian Human Rights Commission’s Human Rights Medal; in 2014, she was the NSW Human Rights Ambassador.

Antony Anisse
B Economics/B Laws, Harvard Grad Program in Real Estate Investment and Development



Antony is the Co-Founder of Good Housing and acts as the Chief Executive Officer. He is an experienced public-private executive with a record of strong social and economic outcomes in major urban renewal projects, including Parramatta Square, Riverbank and the Civic Link Projects.

He has previously held senior positions in private development firms, Local and State Government, and the Urban Growth Development Corporation. Antony was elected to the Hornsby Shire Council in September 2012, an office he held until September 2017. He had oversight of the formation of new town centres and the creation of new social and recreational infrastructure, including the transformation of Hornsby Quarry and Storey Park Community Centre.

Rob Burnelek

Immediate Past Board Chair

B Eng (Civil Engineering), MBA

Rob is the Chief Housing Officer at Anglicare Sydney where he established their community housing operations and now oversees a large development program.

An experienced senior manager in community housing and not-for-profit organisations. In 2013, Rob established the community and affordable housing operations for Salvos Housing Australia across NSW and went on to expand operations to Queensland and the ACT, prior to his role at Anglicare.



Cheri Erai-Collins

Treasurer

B Sc (Finance)

Cheri is the State Manager at Salvos Housing NSW | QLD | ACT. She works with the senior leadership teams on strategy and business development at Salvation Army Australia and with external partners on new programs and property projects. Cheri is an experienced accountant with almost 15 years working in the Community and Not-for-profit sectors in the UK and Australia.

Her most recent accomplishment is the delivery of the Chermside Salvation Army Complex – a powerful partnership with a \$5.5 million donation from philanthropist Doug Corey through his charity, the Corey Charitable Foundation offering affordable accommodation to applicants who had been sleeping rough.



Lisa Ellis

Public Officer

B Arts (Community Development)

Lisa is the Head of Housing Services and Community Engagement at City West Housing. Previously, Lisa served as Head of Community Housing at Wesley Mission, managing a portfolio of housing which includes crisis accommodation and transitional housing, through to social and affordable housing. She has over 14 years' experience working in Not-for-profit and government organisations including community housing, health services (cancer control and prevention), disabilities and aged care.

Her roles have focussed on operational management, tenancy management, community engagement, quality assurance and risk management. Her approach includes providing community housing with a whole-of-person mindset, rather than a transactional real estate model.



Simon Furness GAICD

BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering, MBA

Simon is a member of Uniting's Executive Leadership Team as Director of Property and Housing. He is responsible for the development and life-cycle management of Uniting's large property portfolio which supports the delivery of a wide range of aged care, disability, children and family services across NSW and ACT. He is also responsible for the operation and performance of Uniting's housing services across its villages.

In his earlier career, Simon worked in a range of blue-chip corporations and government authorities whose success depended heavily on infrastructure and property assets. He has enjoyed opportunities that transform property portfolios to improve business performance and create value. His early career was as a British Officer in the Royal Engineers and later the Royal Australian Engineers.



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Mark Khoo FAPI

B Laws (Hons) First Class

Mark is the Co-Founder and current CEO of WelcomeMat – Australia's first bespoke tenant-matching platform for affordable rental housing. He was a Property Partner at The Salvation Army's award-winning social enterprise law firm, Salvos Legal for over six years, and a senior lawyer working across top-tier national law firms for over nine years prior.

Mark had the privilege of being appointed as an Associate to Justice Murray Wilcox at the Federal Court of Australia and served on the Law Society of NSW's Diversity & Inclusion Committee for three years. Mark is a Fellow of the Australian Property institute (API) under its Property Leaders Program.

Mark retired from the Faith Housing Australia Board in January 2024 after ten years of service.



Mark Nutting

B Arch (Architecture), MTP (Town and Country Planning)

Mark has had a long career in the NSW Government advising on housing policy, strategic resource allocation and service improvement. As a former senior officer in the Department of Family and Community Services (and its many iterations), he led the design phase of the housing common access project that is now known as Housing Pathways. He has led housing and homelessness policy reforms, inter-government negotiations, research and funding of social and affordable housing programs.

Mark began his career in community housing helping to establish the Eastern Suburbs Rental Housing Association (now a part of Bridge Housing) in 1983. He is currently the Strategic Planning Manager of the Southern Regional of Councils undertaking advocacy and policy work on behalf of member councils.



The Hon Graham West

**B Comm (Management Studies), B IT (Information Technology),
M International Studies with Merit (Human Rights, Public Policy)**

Graham is the CEO of St Vincent de Paul Society Housing Australia. With over 25 years' experience in the NFP and Government sectors as a CEO, Government Minister, Member of Parliament, Board Member and Chair, Graham has a proven track record of achieving transformative outcomes in the social sector, leading and championing change, and advocating for greater investment in social housing and homelessness support services.

He established the End Street Sleeping Collaboration, negotiating an international agreement with NGOs, NSW Government, City of Sydney and the Institute of Global Homelessness to halve street homelessness across NSW by 2025.



Brian Murnane

FHA Patron

Brian Murnane is one of the great housing advocates who helped establish Churches Community Housing in the 1990s – what was to later become Churches Housing and is now Faith Housing Australia.

Since that time, Brian has continued to play a central role with our organisation, serving on the Board for decades and as Board Chair from 2011 to 2015. He continued his service on the Board until January 2022 and now continues his support as our first Ambassador.

Brian has dedicated much of his life to improving housing services and outcomes for our community's most vulnerable and has played an instrumental role in shaping the community housing sector over the last 40 years.

We are very grateful for his long contribution and ongoing work with Faith Housing Australia.



| Meet the Team

Rose Thomson

Chief Executive Officer

**AD Arts (Org. Training & Devpt), M Lead (Change Leadership),
Harvard Leadership Program**

Rose worked in the higher education sector for 16 years, which culminated in a global role as Director of External Relations at the University of Newcastle (UON).

After ten years at UON, she helped establish the Institute of Civil Infrastructure as Director of Professional Programs for the peak body, the Civil Contractors Federation.

She has considerable senior leadership experience, a proven capacity to work and deliver outcomes in complex and challenging environments and an impressive track record of high-level stakeholder engagement and advocacy on a state, national and international level.



Amanda Bailey

Head of Advocacy and Communications

Grad Cert (Public Health), MBA

Amanda is an accomplished public affairs executive across strategic communications, public relations and stakeholder engagement. She has more than ten years' experience delivering highly successful campaigns in both the corporate and not-for-profit sectors, focusing on social impact and advocacy.

Amanda led the team to develop Wesley Mission's renewed advocacy strategy, enabling collaborations from service experts and voices of lived experience to launch the 'Put Pokies in Their Place' platform. From a standing start, poker machine reform became a major election issue in the 2023 NSW State Election, with the campaign receiving more than 2,000 pieces of earned media coverage, an estimated reach of more than two billion and leading to significant philanthropic contributions.



Raf Rayos

Administration Officer

B Sc (Legal Management)

Raf completed the Sydney Alliance Internship Program in 2020, where he was part of the team that organised the Oz International Students' Hub - the only grassroots-based hub in New South Wales developed for and by international students.

His advocacy-based, not-for-profit work continued in 2021 at Parramatta Young Christian Workers as Youth Engagement Officer. He now assists the CEO across all portfolios.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Assets, Liabilities and Members' Funds

CURRENT ASSETS	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	113,861.53	104,315.49
Others	7,641.96	6,134.98
Trade and Other Receivables	3,129.50	2,750.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	124,632.99	113,200.47
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Plant & Equipment	8,313.57	11,391.13
Right-of-use Assets	23,813.00	5,847.00
Financial Assets	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	33,126.57	18,238.13
TOTAL ASSETS	157,759.56	131,438.60
CURRENT LIABILITIES	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Lease Liabilities	18,085.00	6,369.00
Other Payables	35,159.03	38,826.48
Contract Liabilities	50,000.00	-
Provisions	-	4,506.43
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	103,244.03	49,701.91
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Lease Liabilities	6,355.00	-
Provisions	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	109,599.03	49,701.91
NET ASSETS	48,160.53	81,736.69
MEMBER FUNDS	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Retained Profits/(Losses)	48,160.53	81,736.69
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUND	48,160.53	81,736.69

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income and Expenditure

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

INCOME	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Government Grants Received (Recurrent)	373,978.01	353,643.51
Other Grants Received	-	25,480
Interest Income	-	1,079.68
Membership Fees Income	24,526	13,550
Fee for Service Income	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	398,504.01	393,753.19
EXPENDITURE	2024 (\$)	2023 (\$)
Conferences and Meetings	5,424.55	8,672.92
Contractors and Consultants	1,489.33	18,950
Depreciation and Impairment	20,818.29	31,369.70
Marketing and Campaigns	10,974.81	32,585
Projects and Research	-	-
Property and Office	11,710.41	14,634.35
Salaries and Wages	332,420.89	279,219.26
Software Platforms and Website	23,496.21	29,315.92
Other	25,745.68	16,854.12
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	432,080.17	431,601.27
PROFIT/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE ENTITY	-33,576.16	-37,848.08

Independent Auditor's Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Faith Housing Alliance Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in members' funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by committee of management.

In our opinion, the financial report of Faith Housing Alliance Incorporated has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including;

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June, 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion

Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting and restriction on distribution and use

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling Faith Housing Alliance Incorporated's financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee of Management for the Financial Report

The committee of management of Faith Housing Alliance Incorporated is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the needs of the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee of managements' responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee of management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the committee of management is responsible for assessing Faith Housing Alliance Incorporated's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee of management either intend to liquidate Faith Housing Alliance Incorporated or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee of management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committee of Managements' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee of management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



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J.G. RYAN | PARTNER
Chartered Accountants

Statement by the Committee of Management

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024

The Committee of Management of the Association has determined that these financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the Committee of Management of Faith Housing Alliance Incorporated (the Association):

- (a) the accompanying Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income gives a true and fair view of the surplus/(deficit) of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2024;
- (b) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at that date;
- (c) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (d) the financial statements have satisfied the requirements of the ACNC Act.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022.

SYDNEY, 30th August, 2024



ROB STOKES
Chair



CHERI ERAI-COLLINS
Treasurer

"Low investment in social housing has meant that social housing now represents just 3.8% of housing, down from 5.6% in 1991. At the same time, demand has grown significantly; waitlists for public housing have increased by 9% since 2020. And the experience of homelessness has increased by 36% since 2006. The social, personal, and economic costs are high."

Chair of the National Housing Supply and Affordability Council, Susan Lloyd-Hurwitz at the launch of the 'State of the Housing System 2024' report

"Every individual, whatever their background or ability, needs a home where they can feel comfortable and have the opportunity to thrive".

Mayor of Wollondilly Shire Council, Matt Gould at the opening of member Good Housing's Tahmoor homes

"Family violence wreaks devastation, and we know that Aboriginal women and children are over-represented as victim-survivors. Services such as Wirrawee Gunya Dharruk recognise and build the mother's protective actions in keeping herself and her children safe."

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Jodie Harrison at the opening of DV West's family violence refuge supported by member Habitat for Humanity Australia





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